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SEMIANNUAL MEETING OF THE AMERICAN CONFERENCE ON HOSPITAL SERVICE.

The semiannual meeting of the American Conference on Hospital Service will be held September 12–16, 1921, at West Baden, Ind., in conjunction with the meeting of the American Hospital Association.

The American Conference on Hospital Service, an association organized "for the betterment of hospital service in the United States and Canada," is composed of the following 15 national hospital and health organizations:

American Association of Industrial Physicians and Surgeons.
American Association of Hospital Social Workers.
American Dietetic Association.
American Hospital Association.
American Medical Association.
American Nurses Association.
Association of American Medical Colleges.
Catholic Hospital Association of the United States and Canada.
Federation of State Medical Boards of the United States.
Medical Department of the United States Army.
Bureau of Medicine, United States Navy.
National League of Nursing Education.
National Tuberculosis Association, Inc.
National Organization for Public Health Nursing.
United States Public Health Service.

The following program has been prepared for Thursday, September 15, 1921:

10 a. m.: Opening Session, Assembly Hall.

Opening remarks. By Frank Billings, M. D., president.

Report of the Hospital Library and Service Bureau. By Donelda R. Hamlin, director, Chicago, Ill.

Report of the Treasurer. By Harry E. Mock, M. D., treasurer, Chicago, Ill.

Report of the Trustees. By A. R. Warner, M. D., acting secretary, Chicago, Ill.

Report of the special committee to work out the procedure in the determination of policies as to hospital service.

2 p. m.: Joint General Session, Convention Hall.

Frank Billings, M. D., president of the Conference, presiding.

American Conference on Hospital Service.

American Hospital Association.

Address by John G. Bowman, chancellor of the University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Discussion.

A Method of Increasing Medical Efficiency Within the Hospital.—Frank R. Nuzum, medical director, Santa Barbara Cottege Hospital, Santa Barbara, Calif.

Discussion.

HOSPITAL LIBRARY AND SERVICE BUREAU EXHIBIT.

Realizing the important service which is being rendered by the Hospital Library and Service Bureau, whose headquarters are at 22 East Ontario Street, Chicago, the American Hospital Association has invited the Library to have an exhibit at the convention. The Association has contributed sufficient space to permit of a very comprehensive exhibit.

Since the subject of hospital construction is one upon which the Library has received a great many inquiries, a large portion of the exhibit will be made up of floor plans of hospitals, sanatoriums, health centers, dispensaries, nurses' homes, and allied institutions. Plans of over 300 institutions will be shown. In connection with the plans, it is expected that the list of architects specializing in hospital construction will be freely used. This list, giving, as it does, the institution designed by the various architects, enables the user to form a fairly accurate opinion of the type of work being done by individual architects.

Complete subjects, author, title, and analytical indexes are being prepared of the various hospital journals. Such parts of these indexes as are complete will be included in the exhibit, together with copies of the journals indexed. Complete sets of record forms used in hospitals of various types and sizes will also be shown, together with books on the classification of diseases. A limited number of books, journals, reprints, and pamphlets on the various phases of hospital construction, equipment, and administration will also be shown.

The material being assembled by the Hospital Library and Service Bureau is so varied in type and so extensive that only a very small portion of it can be included in the exhibit. The object in having such an exhibit is rather to bring the hospitals in contact with the service being rendered and to acquaint them more fully with the purpose and scope of the Hospital Library and Service Bureau and the manner in which it functions.

DEATHS DURING WEEK ENDED AUG. 27, 1921.

Summary of information received by telegraph from industrial insurance companies for week ended Aug. 27, 1921, and corresponding week, 1920. (From the Weekly Health Index, Aug. 30, 1921, issued by the Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce.)

	Week ended Aug. 27, 1921.	Corresponding week, 1920.
Policies in force	47,478,259	43,890,895
Number of death claims	7,145	6,847
Death claims per 1,000 policies in force	7.8	8.1